



# International Marriages in Korea

USFK 600-240 applies to marriages between USFK personnel and non-US citizens. This new policy was established to ensure Service members (SM) are provided the information necessary to make an informed decision before entering into an international marriage. The regulation serves to educate SMs and their intended spouses about how to form a valid marriage and about the US immigration and naturalization process.

## Commander Responsibilities:

- Two-part counseling on financial & moral obligations of international marriage and visa fraud (both parties for first counseling only SM for second).
- Verify financial stability and ability to afford cost of spouse's travel to US.
- Assist SM in processing application.
- Ensure SM received counsel from legal and chaplain
- Verify SM marital status
- Ensure SM is counseled on possible effect of marriage to a non-US citizen on: (a) security clearance; (b) continuing in the intelligence field; (c) career goals if reclassified; and (d) access to SCI.
- Counsel SM on importance of medical examination for intended spouse.
- Ensure SM receives pre-marital medical exam
- Complete and forward verification that all requirements of USFK Reg 600-240 have been met.

## SM Responsibilities:

- Inform battalion commander of intent to marry.
  - Provide evidence of current marital status (both parties)
  - Provide evidence of the intended spouse's eligibility to immigrate to the US, including background check & medical exam (intended spouse).
  - Receive premarital advice and counsel from chaplain (both parties).
  - Receive counsel from a legal officer concerning eligibility to marry and US immigration and naturalization law (both parties).
  - Obtain a premarital medical exam (IAW) Korea Marital law (SM).\*
- Note: \* Commander's must verify that all of these requirements have been completed.

SM & intended spouse may obtain cross culture marriage training before and after marriage from Army Community Service.

For more information about this regulation see the legal office. Visit [www.usfk.mil](http://www.usfk.mil) or call Army Community Service - 753-8401 for a copy of the regulation.